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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
9 STATE OF ALASKA
10 AT FAIRBANKS

11 KYLE EYRE as Personal Representative of the)
12 CODY EYRE,)
13) NO.
14 Plaintiff,)
15) COMPLAINT
16 v.)
17) (JURY DEMAND)
18)
19 THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, a municipal)
20 corporation, RICHARD SWEET, TYLER)
21 LARIMER, the STATE OF ALASKA,)
22 ELONDRE JOHNSON, NATHANIEL)
23 JOHNSON, JAMES THOMAS III,)
24 CHRISTINE JOSLIN, and JOHN DOES 1 -)
25 10,)
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27 Defendants.)
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29 Plaintiff, by and through his attorneys, hereby alleges as follows:

30 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

31 1. On December 24, 2017, 22-year-old Cody Dalton Eyre was shot 12 times in a flurry of
32 semi-automatic rifle, pistol and shotgun fire by officers of the City of Fairbanks Police Department and
33 Troopers with the State of Alaska Department of Public State. The shooting took place in the dark, on

1 a snowy cul-de-sac more than 200 yards from the nearest residential area where Cody Eyre presented
2 no immediate threat of harm to anyone other than himself. Instead of responding appropriately to Cody
3 who was depressed, intoxicated and walking alone along Farmers Loop Road, the defendants
4 overreacted, surrounding him, shining lights in his eyes, and by placing themselves close to him when
5 he was emotionally distraught, guaranteed that he would die if he continued to act in an emotionally
6 unstable way.
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8 As a result of the wrongful conduct of the named defendants, the Estate of Cody Eyre brings
9 this civil action against the City of Fairbanks and individual police officers employed by the Fairbanks
10 Police Department, and the State of Alaska and individual troopers employed by the State of Alaska,
11 for violating Cody Eyre's civil and constitutional rights by subjecting him to unreasonable and
12 excessive force on or about December 24, 2017 and causing his wrongful death.
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14 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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16 2. This Court has original jurisdiction over the plaintiff's civil rights claims under 42
17 U.S.C. § 1983, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question) and 28 U.S.C. § 1343 (civil rights).
18 This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the plaintiff's related state law claims pursuant to 28
19 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
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21 3. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because all of the events
22 that support the plaintiff's allegations occurred in this judicial district and because the defendants reside
23 in this judicial district.

24 **PARTIES**

25 4. Plaintiff, Kyle Eyre, is the personal representative of the Estate of Cody Dalton Eyre
26 and is authorized to bring this Complaint to seek redress for the injuries and damages sustained as a
27 result of the conduct alleged in this complaint.
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1 5. Defendant City of Fairbanks is a governmental entity and a municipal corporation
2 operating in this judicial district. Among its departments is the Fairbanks Police Department, which is
3 responsible for traditional law enforcement activities within the City of Fairbanks. It is also responsible
4 for the hiring, training and supervision of its police officers, more specifically, for defendants Richard
5 Sweet and Tyler Larimer.
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7 6. Defendant Richard Sweet is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all times
8 relevant hereto, Defendant Richard Sweet was a police officer with the Fairbanks Police Department,
9 an employee of the City of Fairbanks, and was acting within the course and scope of his employment.
10 All acts committed by Defendant Richard Sweet were done under color of the laws of the State of
11 Alaska and under the authority of his position as a police officer with the Fairbanks Police Department.
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13 7. Defendant Tyler Larimer is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all times
14 relevant hereto, Defendant Tyler Larimer was a police officer with the Fairbanks Police Department,
15 an employee of the City of Fairbanks, and was acting within the course and scope of his employment.
16 All acts committed by Defendant Tyler Larimer were done under color of the laws of the State of
17 Alaska and under the authority of his position as a police officer with the Fairbanks Police Department.
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19 8. Defendant State of Alaska is a governmental entity and through its Department of Public
20 Safety provides traditional law enforcement activities within the North Star Borough. It is also
21 responsible for the hiring, training and supervision of its troopers, more specifically, for defendants
22 Ron Dupee, Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin.
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24 9. Defendant Ron Dupree is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all times
25 relevant hereto, Defendant Ron Dupree was a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers, an employee of
26 the State of Alaska, and was acting within the course and scope of his employment. All acts committed
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1 by Defendant Dupee were done under color of the laws of the State of Alaska and under the authority
2 of his position as a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers.

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4 10. Defendant Elondre Johnson is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all times
5 relevant hereto, Defendant Elondre Johnson was a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers, an employee
6 of the State of Alaska, and was acting within the course and scope of her employment. All acts
7 committed by Defendant Elondre Johnson were done under color of the laws of the State of Alaska and
8 under the authority of her position as a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers.

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10 11. Defendant Nathaniel Johnson is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all
11 times relevant hereto, Defendant Nathaniel Johnson was a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers, an
12 employee of the State of Alaska, and was acting within the course and scope of his employment. All
13 acts committed by Defendant Nathaniel Johnson were done under color of the laws of the State of
14 Alaska and under the authority of his position as a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers.

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16 12. Defendant James Thomas III is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all
17 times relevant hereto, Defendant James Thomas III was a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers, an
18 employee of the State of Alaska, and was acting within the course and scope of his employment. All
19 acts committed by Defendant James Thomas III were done under color of the laws of the State of
20 Alaska and under the authority of his position as a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers.

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22 13. Defendant Christine Joslin is an individual residing in this judicial district. At all times
23 relevant hereto, Defendant Christine Joslin was a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers, an employee
24 of the State of Alaska, and was acting within the course and scope of her employment. All acts
25 committed by Defendant Christine Joslin were done under color of the laws of the State of Alaska and
26 under the authority of her position as a trooper with the Alaska State Troopers.
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1 14. Plaintiff anticipates the possibility that there will be other individual defendants, not
2 currently known by name, who were employed by and/or were agents of the City of Fairbanks and/or
3 the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety and who bear liability for the allegations herein.
4 Because plaintiff does not currently know the names of all such individuals, they are identified in this
5 complaint by the pseudonyms John Does 1-10, and plaintiff may seek to amend this complaint to add
6 them as individual defendants as discovery and investigation progress.
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8 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

9 22. On December 24, 2019, at 6:21 pm, the Alaska State Troopers in Fairbanks, Alaska
10 receive a call that Cody Eyre is on Facebook Live stating that he is going to commit suicide. The
11 Troopers are informed that Eyre is intoxicated, there is only one bullet in the gun and that Cody's father
12 has been called in Delta Junction and is "on his way".
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14 23. Initially, the Troopers attempt to call Cody. When he doesn't respond, they assume
15 there is no need to take further action as he has committed no crime and is at his residence. They do
16 not call mental health professionals or make any attempt to have someone trained in dealing with
17 emotional crises to respond to Cody.
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19 24. Subsequently, at 7:03 pm, 911 Dispatch receives a call from Cody's mother, Magdalena
20 Eyre, asking for a welfare check¹ to "pick up" Cody because he is drinking, has just broken up with his
21 girlfriend and is walking on the Farmers Loop sidewalk with his gun in his holster. She reports that
22 she and her daughter are following behind Cody in her Lincoln Navigator SUV.
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24 25. Dispatch tells Trooper Elondre Johnson about the 911 call from Cody's mother.
25 Trooper does not consider the situation to be urgent.
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¹ A welfare check is a common procedure in which a police officer goes to a residence or other location to check on the welfare of an individual. *See fn. 4, Much v. Alaska Police Standards Council*, S-16225 (April 11, 2018).

1 26. When she learns that Cody is now walking on Farmer's Loop Road, "intoxicated,
2 suicidal, pedestrian on the roadway", she determined AST should respond. She responds as does
3 Trooper Joslin Thomas and Trooper Nate Johnson. Fairbanks Police officers Richard Sweet and Tyler
4 Larimer also respond.
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6 27. When he sees police officers, Cody runs away from them, at times holding his gun to
7 his head and shouting profanities. He is clearly emotionally agitated. He threatens no one. Again, no
8 efforts are made to contact any mental health professionals to assist in deescalating Cody.
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10 28. Cody goes down a small road that ends in a cul-de-sac next to the Baptist Church and
11 near the LDS Church. Neither church is open. No one else is nearby. The closest residential area is
12 approximately 200 yards away (two football fields) and to get there he would have to go across a field
13 covered in deep snow.
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15 28. Cody threatens to shoot himself if the Troopers and police officers get any closer. He
16 is clearly emotionally distraught and physically the only people are at risk are himself or the troopers
17 and officers who close in on him. Again, no efforts are made to contact any mental health professionals
18 to assist in deescalating Cody. Despite his mother and sister being a few hundred yards away, no effort
19 is made to have one of them talk to him. No effort is made to bring a minister or pastor.
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21 29. Instead, the troopers and officers press forward in surrounding Cody, handguns and
22 long-guns drawn (including a riot shotgun). Cody is more desperate, more emotional and continues to
23 threaten to kill himself. As of this time, he is committing no crime and is in lawful possession of a
24 firearm under Alaska law.
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26 30. Surrounded by at least six officers with guns pointing him, severely depressed and
27 intoxicated, the troopers and officers who have placed themselves directly at risk of harm with a young
28 man who was otherwise at no immediate risk to anyone but himself, believe that Cody has not directed

1 his pistol with one bullet towards one or many of them. They open fire. Cody is shot ten times in the
2 lower body. A bullet grazes his right arm. He is fatally shot in the back of the head.

3 31. Prior to shooting Cody, at no time did the troopers or police officers consult with a
4 mental health professional, minister or one of Cody's immediate family members who were present.

5 32. Prior to shooting Cody, did the troopers or police officers attempt to deescalate the
6 situation by pulling back, setting up a perimeter at a distance that kept them safe but allowing
7 communication with Cody to allow him time to not feel pressured or threatened to act in a fashion that
8 could cause them to shoot him.
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10 33. Prior to seconds before he was shot, Cody had committed no crime, endangered no one
11 but himself, and but for the police officers escalating the situation by moving closer towards him on
12 that isolated cul-de-sac, created no immediate risk of harm to anyone.
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14 34. The defendants, and each of them individually and collectively, failed to properly be
15 trained, supervised and respond to the emotional crisis that Cody was suffering on December 24, 2017.
16 Even though Cody posed no immediate threat to anyone before surrounding him on the snowy cul-de-
17 sac, the defendants failed to take reasonable steps to consult or bring in someone with a way to
18 deescalate the situation. Instead, there only response was that if Cody didn't stop threatening to shoot
19 himself, they would shoot him.
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21 35. Defendants, and each of them individually and collectively, despite having many
22 alternatives that posed less risk to themselves and Cody, chose instead to confront a depressed and
23 intoxicated young man whose threats had only been to harm himself. In escalating the situation,
24 surrounding him, threatening to shoot him if he didn't lower the gun he was saying he would use to kill
25 himself, they created the exact risk of harm they should and could have avoided.
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1 36. Throughout their continued encounter with Cody, the individual defendants,
2 individually and collectively, used excessive and unreasonable force against Cody and/or failed to
3 intervene while such force was used by their fellow officers. Defendants used this force despite their
4 recognition that Cody was experiencing a mental health crisis and was intoxicated. They used this
5 force despite the fact that his mother and sister were nearby, and his father was on his way. They used
6 this force despite the fact that Cody was surrounded on an isolated cul-de-sac 200 yards away from the
7 nearest residential area. The force used against Cody was excessive, unreasonable, unwarranted by the
8 circumstances, and out of proportion with a legitimate law enforcement objective. It was foreseeable
9 that the use of such force would put Codey at risk of serious injury or death.
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11 37. As a result of their conduct including excessive force used by the individual defendants,
12 Cody suffered severe pain and distress and was killed. These injuries were caused by the defendants'
13 failure to respond appropriately and reasonably to his mental health crisis and their ultimate use of
14 excessive force against him. The Estate of Cody Eyre has been damaged in an amount to be proven at
15 trial. His damages include, *inter alia*, pre-death pain and suffering, and wrongful death damages
16 consistent with Alaska law.
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18 38. Throughout their encounter with Cody , the individual defendants acted
19 intentionally, knowingly, maliciously, and/or recklessly in violation of his well-established
20 constitutional rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
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22 39. Defendant City of Fairbanks is subject to municipal liability for the failure to properly
23 train and supervise its officers and for their unconstitutional use of excessive and unreasonable force
24 described herein. The actions of the individual defendants as alleged herein were carried out in
25 accordance with the official policies, procedures, customs, and practices of the City of Fairbanks. The
26 City of Fairbanks failed to adequately train and/or supervise its personnel with regard to responding to
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1 emotional crises by individuals and as to the use of force described in this complaint. The City of
2 Fairbanks engaged in and permitted to exist a pattern or practice of unconstitutional use of force like
3 the force described in this complaint and in failing to properly train its officers on how to deal with
4 emotional crises. The City of Fairbanks also failed to adequately investigate the unconstitutional use
5 of force described herein and/or ratified the unconstitutional use of force by its employees and/or
6 agents.
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8 40. Defendant State of Alaska is subject to liability for the failure to properly train and
9 supervise its troopers and for their unconstitutional use of excessive and unreasonable force described
10 herein. The actions of the individual defendants as alleged herein were carried out in accordance with
11 the official policies, procedures, customs, and practices of the State of Alaska. The State of Alaska
12 failed to adequately train and/or supervise its personnel with regard to responding to emotional crises
13 by individuals and as to the use of force described in this complaint. The State of Alaska engaged in
14 and permitted to exist a pattern or practice of unconstitutional use of force like the force described in
15 this complaint and in failing to properly train its officers on how to deal with emotional crises. The
16 State of Alaska also failed to adequately investigate the unconstitutional use of force described herein
17 and/or ratified the unconstitutional use of force by its employees and/or agents.
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21 **CLAIMS**

22 **Common Law Negligence**

23 41. Defendants, individually and collectively, had a duty to use ordinary care to avoid
24 unreasonably escalating the encounter to the use of deadly force.
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26 42. Defendants breached this duty in the following but non-inclusive ways:
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1 a. Failure to call professionals to the scene who had experience with mental
2 health crises, including mental health counselors, trained negotiators, clergy and/or ministers, all of
3 whom could have communicated with Cody and worked to deescalate the situation;
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5 b. Failure to establish a cordon around Cody at a distance to limited the risk of
6 harm to be only by Cody to himself and to wait him out – allowing him to either calm down, pass-
7 out, fall asleep, or otherwise, reduce any risk that he might pose to others;
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9 c. Failure to establish a cordon and allow his own family members who were
10 nearby (and father on the way) to talk with Cody and attempt to deescalate the situation;
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12 d. Take ordinary steps that would not cause a depressed and intoxicated young
13 man suffering a mental health crisis, meaning he was unable of making rational decisions, to believe
14 there was no alternative other than to surrender at gunpoint or kill himself.

15 43. The defendants, and each of them, breach of ordinary care in exercising their duties as
16 law enforcement officers, was a substantial factor in causing pre-death pain and suffering and the
17 wrongful death of Cody Eyre.

18 44. As a result of that negligence, the Estate of Cody Eyre has statutory survival and
19 wrongful death claims.
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21 **Negligent Failure to Train and Supervise**

22 45. It is foreseeable that troopers and police officers in the North Star Borough will deal
23 with individuals suffering emotional crises.

24 46. Those emotional crises may be as the result of long-term mental health issues, short-
25 term mental health problems, intoxication, drug usage, or other disabilities.
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27 47. Because it is foreseeable, defendants, the City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska,
28 have a duty to train and supervise their employees such that they do not escalate situations which

1 require mental health interventions into public safety crises where the troopers and officers place
2 themselves at risk of harm and then shoot the individual suffering the emotional crises.

3 48. Defendants, the City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska, were negligent in failing to
4 properly train and supervise their employees to reasonably respond to the emotional crisis that Cody
5 Eyre was suffering on Christmas Eve, 2017.
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7 49. Had the individual troopers and officers been properly trained and supervised, Cody
8 Eyre, would not have been shot and killed.

9 50. The failure to properly train and supervise those troopers and officers was a substantial
10 factor in causing the death of Cody Eyre.
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12 **Excessive Force (42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

13 53. As a result of the allegations contained herein, Defendants are liable to the Estate of
14 Cody Eyre under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for violating Cody Eyre's constitutional rights by subjecting him
15 to excessive and unreasonable force.
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17 **Violation of the ADA – Failure to Accommodate**

18 54. Title II of the ADA states, in pertinent part:

19 [N]o qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be
20 excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or
21 activities of a public entity, or subjected to discrimination by any such entity. 42
22 U.S.C. § 12132. 142. Under the ADA, a “public entity” includes state and local
governments, their agencies, and their instrumentalities. 42 U.S.C. § 12131(1).

23 55. At all relevant times, Within the meaning of Title II of the ADA, Defendant City of
24 Fairbanks was, and currently, is a “public entity.”

25 56. Under the ADA, the term “disability” includes physical and mental impairments that
26 substantially limit one or more major life activities. 42 U.S.C. § 12102(2). A “qualified individual
27 with a disability” means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications
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1 to rules, policies, or practices ... meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services
2 or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity.” 42 U.S.C. § 12131(2).

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4 57. At all relevant times, within the meaning of Title II of the ADA, Cody was a “qualified
5 individual with a disability.” Cody had an impairment that substantially limited major life activities.
6 As a resident of Fairbanks, he was qualified to participate in the programs, services, and activities of
7 the City of Fairbanks, including but not limited to receiving emergency services and other appropriate
8 assistance from EMTs and police officers.

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10 58. At all relevant times, Defendants City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska knew, or
11 should have known, that Cody suffered from mental illness and, therefore, had a disability for the
12 purposes of the ADA.

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14 59. Defendants City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska excluded Cody from
15 participation in or denied him the benefits of a public service, or otherwise discriminated against
16 Terrence, on the basis of his disability, by failing to make reasonable accommodations to address his
17 mental illness.

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19 60. Acting as employees of Defendant City of Fairbanks, and in accordance with a policy
20 or practice, Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska, Defendants
21 Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin, failed to make
22 reasonable accommodations and provide appropriate medical assistance to Cody who suffered from a
23 mental health disability, and instead, resorted to deadly violence.

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25 61. As a result of the failure of Defendant City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska to
26 provide reasonable accommodations, in violation of the ADA, Cody suffered damages.
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Violation of the ADA – Failure to Train

62. Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska excluded Codyu from participation in or denied him the benefits of a public service or otherwise discriminated against Terrence, on the basis of his disability, by failing to train its employees to make reasonable accommodations to serve persons with mental health disabilities.

63. Had Defendant City of Fairbanks trained its police officers and Defendant State of Alaska train its troopers to make reasonable accommodations to provide appropriate medical assistance rather than resort to deadly violence in situations involving persons with mental health disabilities, Cody would not have been unlawfully seized, shot, and killed.

64. As a result of the failure of Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska to train their employees, in violation of the ADA, Cody suffered damages.

Rehabilitation Act

65. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provides, in pertinent part:

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States ... shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance[.] 29 U.S.C. § 794(a).

66. At all relevant times, Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska were, and are currently, a recipient of federal financial assistance within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and that financial assistance constitutes a “program or activity” that Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska provided and provides. 29 U.S.C. § 794(b).

67. Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska excluded Cody from participation in or denied him the benefits of a public service, or otherwise discriminated against Cody, on the basis of his disability.

68. Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska knew that Cody had a disability and still failed to reasonably accommodate his disability and as a result he was subjected to discrimination, unnecessarily seized, and unreasonably killed.

69. As a result of the failure of employees of the Defendants City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska to make reasonable accommodations, in violation of the Rehabilitation Act, Cody suffered damages.

Wrongful Death – Individual Liability

70. In answering and coordinating the response to Magdalena Eyre’s 911 call for a “welfare check”, Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska, Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin owed a duty of care to Cody.

71. By unjustifiably designating Cody as someone who was violent and a risk to others as opposed to someone who was having a mental health crisis and only a risk to himself, Defendants’ Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska, Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin Michalowski, breached their duty of care to Cody.

72. By shooting Cody multiple times and killing him, Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska, Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin, jointly and in concert, engaged in conduct that was intentional, reckless, grossly negligent, or negligent.

73. By failing to intervene and prevent each of the other defendants from using unreasonable and excessive force against Cody, Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and

1 Defendant State of Alaska, Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and
2 Christine Joslin, engaged in conduct that was intentional, reckless, grossly negligent, or negligent.

3 74. Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska,
4 Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin's conduct set
5 in motion a series of events that culminated in Cody's death.
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7 75. Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska,
8 Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin's conduct
9 were a substantial factor in causing Cody's death.
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11 76. Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska,
12 Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin failure to
13 intervene, in violation of their duty of care that they owed to Cody, proximately caused Cody's death.
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15 77. As a result of Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of
16 Alaska, Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin's
17 negligence, the Estate of Cody Eyre is entitled to damages.

18 **Wrongful Death – Vicarious Liability**

19 78. At all relevant times, Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer acted as
20 employees of Defendant City of Fairbanks.
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22 79. At all relevant times, Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas
23 III and Christine Joslin acted as employees of Defendant State of Alaska.

24 80 Because Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer, and Defendant State of Alaska,
25 Defendants Elondre Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin's negligence
26 were a substantial factor in causing Cody's death, Defendant City of Fairbanks and Defendant State
27 of Alaska are vicariously liable for his wrongful death.
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1 81. As a result of the negligence by Defendants Richard Sweet and Tyler Larimer in the
2 course of their employment for Defendant City of Fairbanks, and Defendants Elondre Johnson,
3 Nathaniel Johnson, James Thomas III and Christine Joslin in the course and scope of their
4 employment for the State of Alaska, the Estate of Cody Eyre is entitled to damages.
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6 **Assault and Battery**

7 82. As a result of the allegations contained herein, the individual Defendants are liable to
8 the Estate of Cody Eyre for common law torts under Alaska law, including assault and battery.
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10 **JURY DEMAND**

11 83. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 WHEREFORE, the plaintiff prays that the Court award:

14 A. Compensatory, consequential and/or nominal damages in an amount to be proven at
15 trial, in amounts sufficient to compensate Cody Eyre's pre-death pain and suffering and wrongful
16 death;
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18 B. Punitive damages against the individual defendants, in an amount to be proven at trial;

19 C. Reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and prejudgment interest incurred in pursuing this
20 action as provided for in 42 U.S.C. § 1988; and
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22 D. Any such other relief that this Court deems just and equitable under the circumstances
23 of this case.

24 DATED this 29th day of November, 2019.

25 CHOATE LAW FIRM LLC
26 Attorneys for the Estate of Cody Eyre

27 s/Mark Choate
28 Mark Choate, 8011070

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) _____

DEFENDANTS

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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Attorneys (If Known) _____

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD _____

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RECEIPT # _____

AMOUNT _____

DATE _____

JUDGE _____

MAC/CLERK _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
- United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.